GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has to report periodically to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCC) the information related to Green House Gas (GHG) emissions and also about the steps taken to address the issues of climate change; and

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the latest communication to the UNFCC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement Referred to in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 182 Due for reply on 12.3.2008 on United Nations Framework on Climate Change by Dr. R. SENTHIL

(a) The Government of India reports information relating to greenhouse gas emissions and also about the steps taken to address the issues of climate change to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) secretariat in accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the decisions of the Conference of Parties to UNFCCC. The periodicity, time schedule and the contents of information is decided by the Conference of Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC.

(b) Towards fulfillment of its reporting obligations, India submitted its First National Communication to the UNFCCC on June 22, 2004.The Communication provided information on

(i) India`s emissions of greenhouse gases of anthropogenic origin at 1994 level which were 1228 MT of carbon dioxide equivalent;

(ii) Vulnerability assessment of key sectors such as agriculture, forestry, water resources,health,infrastructure, industry,natural ecosystems and coastal zones to projected climate change for the period 2050s and 2080s;

(iii)Programmes related to sustainable development;research and systematic observations; and

(iv) Constraints and gaps,and related financial,technical and capacity needs in the area of climate change.The Second National Communication to the UNFCCC is due for submission in the year 2011.